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PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, today presented Rebecca Dunlap of Jasper with the U.S. Attorney's Office Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Rights of Victims at a ceremony held at the offices of Crisis Connection, the volunteer-based program to assist victims of domestic and sexual violence where Dunlap has served with distinction for over five years.

Dunlap was nominated for the award in recognition of her tireless efforts to serve those in need through such activities as preparing temporary shelter, facilitating support groups, organizing events, and holding the hands of victims as they appear in court, visit doctors and make difficult life transitions.

Brooks said, "I am thankful for Rebecca's dedication to serving victims of violent crime. Her efforts help lighten the load of those who have a difficult road ahead of them, and victims in this community are well served by Rebecca's activities. I think it is important that, as we

celebrate National Crime Victims Rights' Week, we take the time to recognize Rebecca's compassionate service to victims of crime."

Through her work, Dunlap serves the people of Crawford, Dubois, Orange, Perry and Spencer Counties building collaborations with area law enforcement, prosecutors and probation officers. Dunlap researches and writes informational materials for victims and those who serve them on issues ranging from domestic violence to sexual abuse. She has also partnered with the U.S. Postmasters to promote the release of the Family Violence Prevention Stamp, and Jasper Engines and Transmissions to promote domestic violence prevention by gaining sponsors to place purple ribbons on NASCAR's.

The U. S. Attorney's Award was established in 1991 to recognize those who have made a significant contribution in the area of victims' rights in celebration of National Crime Victims Rights' Week.

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